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**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNAVOIDABLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF
MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378(b))**

Docket Number (Optional)

Mail to: Mail Stop Petition
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Patent Number: 6,098,247

Application Number: 09/120,422

Issue Date: Aug. 8, 2000

Filing Date: March 3, 2000

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Also complete the following information, if applicable:

The above-identified patent:

☒ is a reissue of original Patent No. 6,098,247
original application number 09/120,422
original filing date March 3, 2000

original issue date Aug 8, 2000

☐ resulted from the entry into the U.S. under 35 U.S.C. 371 of international application
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION (37 CFR 1.8(a))

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is:

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1. SMALL ENTITY

☒ Patentee claims, or has previously claimed, small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

2. LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

☐ Patentee is no longer entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)

3. MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))

The appropriate maintenance fee must be submitted with this petition, unless it was paid earlier.

NOT Small Entity			Small Entity		
Amount	Fee	(Code)	Amount	Fee	(Code)
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	3 ½ yr fee	(1551)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	3 ½ yr fee	(2551)
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MAINTENANCE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ _____

4. SURCHARGE

The surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.20(i)(1) of \$ 1640⁰⁰ (Fee Code: 1557) must be paid as a condition of accepting unavoidably delayed payment of the maintenance fee.SURCHARGE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 1640⁰⁰

5. MANNER OF PAYMENT

☒ Enclosed is a check for the sum of \$ 5430.00☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ the sum of \$ _____☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

6. AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ANY FEE DEFICIENCY

☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any maintenance fee, surcharge or petition fee deficiency to
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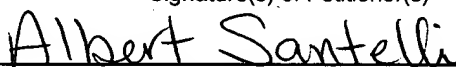
8. SHOWING

The enclosed statement will show that the delay in timely payment of the maintenance fee was unavoidable since reasonable care was taken to ensure that the maintenance fee would be paid timely, and that this petition is being filed promptly after the patentee was notified of, or otherwise became aware of, the expiration of the patent. The statement must enumerate the steps taken to ensure timely payment of the maintenance fee, the date and the manner in which the patentee became aware of the expiration of the patent, and the steps taken to file the petition promptly.

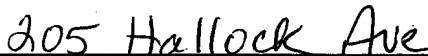
9. PETITIONER(S) REQUESTS THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED.



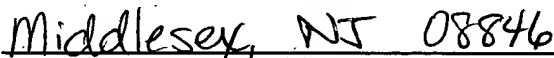
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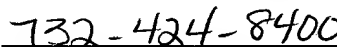


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ENCLOSURES:

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Maintenance Fee Payment - sent to Director of US Patent and Trademark Office

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Statement why maintenance fee was not paid timely

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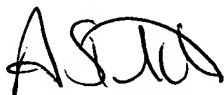
Surcharge under 37 CFR 1.20(i)(1) (fee for filing the maintenance fee petition)

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37 CFR 1.378(d) states: "Any petition under this section must be signed by an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, or by the patentee, the assignee, or other party in interest."



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STATEMENT

(In the space below, please provide the showing of unavoidable delay recited in paragraph 8 above.)

The law firm of Duane Morris was hired to file for patents, maintain records and file appropriate fees for each patents maintenance schedule. The first scheduled maintenance fee at 3.5 years was paid in a timely manner. However at some point after the firm closed our files without notifying us and therefore not paying any subsequent maintenance fees. In August of 2010, we contacted the firm for updated status and were told any correspondence received by them in our behalf from the USPTO had been returned to sender. At that time, we sent a letter to the USPTO (attached) requesting all future correspondence be sent direct to our company. Failure to maintain this patent and pay the scheduled maintenance fees were unavoidable due to the firm not continuing to keep files current with our knowledge.

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6,059,268
6,098,247
6,302,382 B2
6,589,454 B1
6,669,427 B1
6,872,888 B2
7,075,010
7,075,010 B2
7,090,652 B2

Regards,

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